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May 15, 2008

Scott Couch  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
1001 I Street, 16th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Couch:

**Subject: Recent Proposition 50 Implementation Funding Decision**

On behalf of the City of Palmdale, I would like to express our disappointment with the recent decision by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to not include the Antelope Valley Region's application for Proposition 50 Round 2 funding under the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program.

On May 22, 2007, the City requested by letter that SWRCB and DWR reduce the maximum grant amount of \$25 million per region to \$15 million to more equitably disperse available funds throughout the state. Obviously, this change was not made and the result is that the residents of other regions of the state, including those in the Antelope Valley, will be excluded from the voter-approved funds. This is unacceptable.

Additionally, we note that the application process forced local agencies, in the middle of budget tightening, within the Antelope Valley to expend significant resources to remain in contention for funds, with no resulting benefit to our residents/taxpayers. We can ill afford such expensive undertaking with no resulting benefit. If there were questions or concerns about our region's application, we would have appreciated the opportunity to clarify or expound. In this case, we were not afforded that opportunity.

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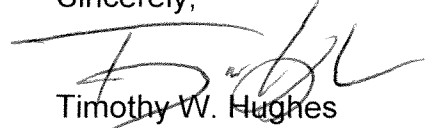
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We urge your reconsideration of recent recommendations for these highly needed funds in light of our suggestions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (661) 267-5300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy W. Hughes', written over a horizontal line.

Timothy W. Hughes  
Acting Director of Public Works

- c. Stephen H. Williams, City Manager  
Laurie Lile, Assistant City Manager